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WASHINGTON, June 19, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 14 totaled an estimated 17.2 billion ton-miles, 2.4 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 24 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 404.8 billion ton-miles, 0.7 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 14 totaled 385,741, down 1.8 percent from last year, and 0.1 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.1 percent in the West, but down 4.4 percent in the East, and 2.3 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings were down by 4,856 cars (4.1 percent). However, grain traffic increased by 2,088 cars (8.9 percent). Ten of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 7 totaled 94,387 trailers and/or containers, 5.9 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 23 weeks of the year was 2,249,199, trailers and/or containers, up 16.2 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/14/86:

	Loadings in Week ended June 14, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	25,449	I		2,088	8.9	I	7,015	38.1	
Other farm products	4,213	I		57	1.4	D	222	5.0	
Metallic ores	17,654	D		1,639	8.5	D	1,635	8.5	
Coal	113,462	D		4,856	4.1	D	2,027	1.8	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,216	I		292	2.1	D	272	1.9	
Nonmetallic minerals	8,895	D		2,772	23.8	D	447	4.8	
Grain mill products	10,759	I		388	3.7	I	159	1.5	
Food and kindred products	10,922	D		114	1.0	D	166	1.5	
Primary forest products	10,470	D		1,377	11.6	I	138	1.3	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,829	I		149	1.9	I	77	1.0	
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,381	D		1,123	8.3	D	599	4.6	
Chemicals and allied products	22,314	D		227	1.0	D	1,299	5.5	
Petroleum products	4,900	D		159	3.1	I	95	2.0	
Stone, clay and glass products	10,466	D		482	4.4	D	399	3.7	
Coke	4,287	D		529	11.0	D	225	5.0	
Metals and products	7,609	D		1,441	15.9	D	1,100	12.6	
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,205	D		433	1.9	I	16	0.1	
Waste and scrap materials	8,356	D		248	2.9	I	297	3.7	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,129	D		3,262	51.0	I	34	1.1	
All other carloads	66,126	I		8,515	14.8	I	213	0.3	
LCL traffic	99	D		21	17.5	I	5	5.0	
Total Cars Loaded	385,741	D		7,194	1.8	D	342	0.1	

Corresponding week of 1985 392,935

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (24 weeks)*	8,957,036 (Rev.)	9,015,416	D 0.6

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

23 Weeks ended June 7	387.6	390.2	D 0.7
Week ended June 14	17.2	17.6	D 2.4
24 weeks cumulative*	404.8 (Rev.)	407.8	D 0.7

*Cumulative carloadings and revenue ton-miles have been revised to adjust for an overstatement of carloadings during the month of May 1986.